



WASHINGTON POTATOES

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PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 40,545 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to February 1, 2006, which was 7 percent less than the 43,570 thousand cwt. processed during the same period last year and also 7 percent lower than the 43,610 thousand cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to February 1, 2006 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 35.0 percent of the 2005 production. Processing in the nine processing states totaled 96,500 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to February 1, 2006, 4.4 percent below the same period last year. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 19,515 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to February 1, 2006, 2,360 thousand cwt. less than the quantity used during the same period last year.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, NINE STATES, 2004 & 2005 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2004-05	10,470	17,390	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005-06	8,370	15,740	22,590	28,960	35,570	-	-	-	-	-
Maine 2/	2004-05	-	-	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005-06	-	-	1,290	1,805	2,405	-	-	-	-	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2004-05	17,970	24,990	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005-06 3/	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,895	40,545	-	-	-	-	-
Other States 4/	2004-05	-	-	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005-06	-	-	11,820	15,030	17,980	-	-	-	-	-
NINE STATE TOTAL	2004-05	-	-	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005-06 3/	-	-	66,010	81,690	96,500	-	-	-	-	-
Dehydrated 5/	2004-05	-	-	14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005-06	-	-	12,180	15,920	19,515	-	-	-	-	-

- No monthly data available.

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI.

2/ Includes ME grown potatoes only.

3/ January revised.

4/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

POTATO STOCKS

Potatoes stored in Washington on February 1, 2006 were estimated at 40,000 thousand cwt., 3,500 thousand cwt. more than the 36,500 thousand cwt. in storage on February 1, 2005, and 2,000 thousand cwt. more than the 38,000 thousand cwt. in storage on February 1, 2004. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 55,480 thousand cwt. compared with 57,310 thousand cwt. a year ago.

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FEBRUARY POTATO STOCKS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The 13 major potato States held 188 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2006, down 7 percent from last year and 6 percent below February 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 50 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, unchanged from last year. Stocks by type were 2 percent red, 9 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 87 percent russets, with a smaller percentage of reds and round whites but a larger percentage of russets than a year ago for comparable States.

Western States held 136 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, down 4 percent from last year. Both Idaho's and Colorado's potato stocks are down 13 percent from last year. Montana's potato sheds stored 1 percent less than in 2005 and California's stocks decreased 39 percent from last year. Oregon's potato stocks are up 23 percent from last year and Washington's potato sheds stored 10 percent more than last season.

Central States accounted for 40.1 million cwt of potato stocks on February 1, down 17 percent from last year for comparable States. Wisconsin's potato stocks decreased 4 percent from last year, Minnesota's stocks are down 12 percent from 2005, and stocks in North Dakota are 41 percent below February 1, 2005. Michigan potato sheds stored 6 percent more than last year.

Eastern States stored 11.7 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, down 5 percent from last year for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds held 10 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 42 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 2000-2005 WASHINGTON & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
WASHINGTON	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>							
2000	105,000	59,000	52,000	44,500	37,500	29,500	21,500	13,000
2001	94,400	53,000	46,000	40,000	32,500	25,000	18,000	10,000
2002	92,340	50,000	43,500	38,500	30,500	23,000	16,500	9,000
2003	93,150	51,000	44,000	38,000	29,500	21,500	15,000	7,000
2004	93,810	50,000	43,000	36,500	29,000	22,000	15,500	8,000
2005	95,480	52,000	46,000	40,000	-	-	-	-
15 STATES 1/								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,110	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	372,581	251,800	218,900	187,600	-	-	-	-

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2005 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2006 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004			CROP OF 2005		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2005	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2006 2/	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,648	1,800	49	3,240	1,100	34
Colorado	23,791	13,700	58	22,292	11,900	53
Idaho	131,970	75,000	57	116,975	65,000	56
Maine	19,065	11,100	58	15,736	10,000	64
Michigan	13,650	4,800	35	13,920	5,100	37
Minnesota	18,920	10,200	54	17,630	9,000	51
Montana	3,551	3,350	94	3,434	3,300	96
Nebraska	9,288			8,245	4,000	49
New York	5,184	1,200	23	5,226	1,700	33
N. Dakota	26,765	15,300	57	20,500	9,000	44
Ohio 3/	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	11,800	60	22,023	14,500	66
Pennsylvania 3/	2,640	900	34			
Washington	93,810	36,500	39	95,480	40,000	42
Wisconsin	30,450	13,600	45	27,880	13,000	47
Other States		4,240				
15 States Total 4/	403,587	203,490	50	372,581	187,600	50

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States". 3/ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005. 4/ Thirteen States for the 2005 crop.